

North Shore Church News

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Sunday Worship

10:00am
Worship (Sanctuary/Facebook)
10:15am
Music & Movement and
Godly Fun

Midweek Manna

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

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“A Few Thoughts On.....”

Forgiveness

In a recent confirmation session, we were exploring the ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus, and I asked the group what was accomplished on the cross. ‘Forgiveness,’ was the reply, ‘We were forgiven for our sins.’ ‘Did it have to happen that way?’ was my next inquiry. ‘Did Jesus HAVE to die on the cross in order for us to be forgiven, or could an omniscient and omnipotent God have chosen another way to usher in our forgiveness?’ There was some good discussion on this one, but the group did conclude that God could have chosen any of a plethora of ways to forgive us. It would, in fact, take nothing more than the snap of God’s proverbial fingers to forgive all the errant ways of humanity. ‘So,’ I asked, ‘if God could have done it another way, why did God choose this way?’ Their response? Because, by doing it this way, we know it! God chose this path to salvation because God wanted us to understand the love and forgiveness that we know in Him.

I wonder sometimes, however, if we really do. There are few more powerful phrases that one can hear or proclaim than, ‘I forgive you!’ To know that we are forgiven by God and by others – and to share forth that forgiveness to those around us – carries a power and wonder that is almost unmatched. And, God wants us to understand that! I wonder sometimes, however, if we really do.

Do we really think about what it means to say that we are forgiven in God? Do we really consider what it is that we are saying when we offer our forgiveness to another? There are some popular platitudes that reduce forgiveness

Forgiveness continued...

to a gift we give ourselves in not allowing the weight of another's offenses to remain a burden on our hearts. There is, I'd agree, some truth to that – but there is so much more to it. There is great risk, I think, in reducing forgiveness to an act of selfishness. There is great loss in seeing forgiveness as nothing more than allowing the misdeed of another to 'not bother me' anymore. There is so much more to this forgiveness that we know in God, and in this forgiveness that we are called to carry forth to others!

In forgiveness, there is love. In forgiveness, there is grace. In forgiveness, there is pardon, and judgment, and hope, and freedom! In forgiveness, there is so much more than a few words or the living out of some self-indulgent platitudes, and God wants us to understand that forgiveness! God wants us to know the depths of the forgiveness in which we stand, and the breadth of that which we are called to share!

So, that's what we're going to do this Lenten season. Beginning on February 26, and carrying through Holy Week, we will explore what it is to be forgiven and what it is to forgive, and I hope you'll be here to be a part of it all!

In Faith, *Marty*

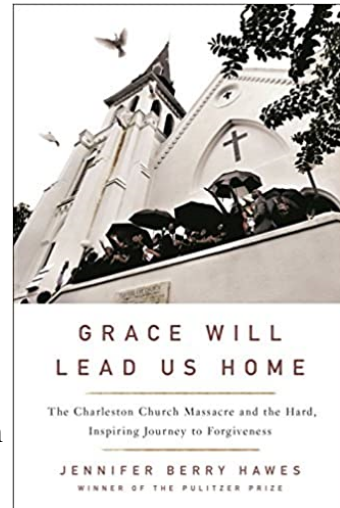


FORMATION AND ENRICHMENT

Tuesday Morning Book Group: 9am online & 10am in person

We have begun a series of sessions on the documentary-style book, *Grace Will Lead Us Home: The Charleston Church Massacre and the Hard, Inspiring Journey to Forgiveness*, by Jennifer Berry Hawes.

Join us in a discussion of the power of forgiveness as we anticipate the beginning of Lent. Whether you are a steadfast member of Book Group or have never been a part of this group, you are invited to join us as we learn and grow in faith together.



Thursday Bible Study: 9am

Please join us for Bible study on Thursday mornings at 9:30. In February we will be finishing up a study of James and discussing our next selection. We meet in the Owl room and also have a Zoom option for those joining us from a distance or those avoiding the winter weather.



The Zoom link is found in Marty's Monday email.

If you have any questions, or would like to receive more communication about our study groups, contact anyone in the church office.

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



What joyous news it is to share that our own Kelsey Molinari will begin, on March 1, as our new Director of Children's Ministries. A lifelong Congregationalist and mother of 3, Kelsey brings tremendous spirit and excitement to the position, and we are thrilled to welcome her to the team. Her office will be located in the space vacated by Rev. Julie, and

her email address is **KelseyMolinari@NSCChurchWI.org** Please take a moment to welcome Kelsey to this new position, learn of ways that you can support the children's ministries of our church, and pray for this new chapter in the life of our congregation.

Reminder: Evening Prayer has moved to Monday evenings at 7pm. Same Zoom link. Same blessed fellowship. Different day. For more information, please contact the church office. All are welcome to jump in at any time!

**EVENING
PRAYER**
Online

LOAVES AND FISHES

March 21, 2023



Loaves & fishes
— MINISTRY —

CASSEROLES

DESSERTS

Bartlett	Wauck
George	Wink
Barsch	Zimmer
Lange	Wood, Sarah
Ford	Schuyler
Tornetta	Schill
Loder	Nelson
Hilyard	Nelson
<i>Half recipe, single pan</i>	Petersen

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DRIVERS

Lange	Schuyler	-----
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SERVERS

Lange	Lange
Lange	Barsch
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee has begun its search for church members who would like to serve on our boards or committees, or as officers of our church.

Each year, about 25 current members complete their terms in the Spring. Our goal is to identify by mid-April nominees to replace them, for review by the Church Council and then the entire congregation.

Let any of us on the Nominating Committee know if you are interested in serving, or if you know someone who might be.

And if you have questions about the activities and responsibilities of any position, we would be happy to talk with you or to provide a one-page description of any board, committee or officer post.



Please give some thought to these opportunities for service. The vitality and growth of our church depend on the active involvement of our members!

If you have interest, we'd love to hear from you!

Please reach out to *Bruce Loder, Lisa Wermuth, Betty Moore, John Tornetta, or Kurt Dew* to learn more about how you too can have a more meaningful role in the life of our congregation.

We look forward to talking with you!

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>26</p> <p>9:00am Chancel Choir</p> <p>10:00am Worship</p> <p>10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun</p> <p>11:00am Come in From the Cold: All-Church Lunch and Fellowship</p>	<p>27</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Prayer</p> <p>8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00am Book Group (Zoom)</p> <p>10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge)</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>9:00am Chancel Choir</p> <p>9:40am Confirmation Worship Visit</p> <p>10:00am Worship</p> <p>10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship</p> <p>11:00am Repairers of the Breach - Bag Lunch Express</p> <p>4:00pm KidsConnect</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30am PEO AM</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Prayer</p> <p>8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00am Book Group (Zoom)</p> <p>10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge)</p> <p>5:30pm Benevolence Board (Friendship Lounge)</p> <p>6:00pm Deacons (Owl Room and Zoom)</p> <p>6:00pm Stewardship Board (Upstairs Classroom)</p> <p>6:00pm Trustees (Library)</p> <p>7:00pm BCE (Youth Room)</p>
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BENEVOLENCE BOARD DONATION DISTRIBUTIONS FOR 2022

Our money at work!

Local

NSCC for Winter Farmer's Market	\$300
St Ben's Outreach	\$2,000
Advocates of Ozaukee	\$2,525
Community Projects for Seniors	\$2,525
Family Sharing of Ozaukee Backpack Program	\$2,525
Gigi's Playhouse	\$2,525
Hope Street Ministry	\$2,525
Just One More Ministry	\$2,525
Milwaukee Christian Center	\$2,525
	\$19,975

National/International

Retired Ministers Fund	\$1,000
NACCC Mission & Outreach Ministry Council	\$4,000
	\$5,000

Grand Total	\$24,975
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Total donations include 2022 budget allocation and \$5,000 from PPP loan forgiveness.

ONE SEASON OF GIVING OFFERING

Our special end of the year offering, designated for the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, totaled \$1,135. Many thanks to those who were able to give.

EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING AND LENTEN HYGIENE DRIVE

We have designated the House of Peace as the recipient of our special Easter offering. The House of Peace is one of two locations run by the Capuchin Community Services, with the other being St. Ben's. As part of our support to The House of Peace, where individuals and families can receive spiritual, material and emotional support, we are also sponsoring a Lenten Hygiene Drive, which will run from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday. Grab a hygiene bag at an upcoming service or in the narthex and fill it with things such as soap, toothpaste, lotions, wipes or other personal items. Travel size or household size supplies needed!



SOLES FOR JESUS

A very big thank you to the 14 participants who worked at sorting shoes February 4! The work group that day processed 800 pairs of shoes that will get shipped off to Cameroon. We have another opportunity to serve on March 11. See the Monday email or scan this QR code to sign up.



ST BEN'S LOAVES AND FISHES

March 21 is our next St. Ben's day. Please sign up to help in this important work. Contact Dona at donawininsky@gmail.com.



REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH

Please join us in the kitchen after worship on March 5 to prepare lunches. We would love to see some new faces! It is a quick and fun service opportunity for all.



JUST ONE MORE MINISTRY

Please keep the jars of peanut butter, other non-perishables and plastic bags coming! Pop your donations in the bin under the portico.





**As we head into a busy spring season,
please take note of the following important dates:**

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday Worship and Eggstravaganza Brunch

Thursday, April 6

Maundy Thursday Supper and Worship at 6pm

Friday, April 7

Good Friday Worship at 2pm

Sunday, April 9

Easter Worship at 9am and 11am

Sunday, May 21

Celebration Sunday Worship followed by our Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 11

Confirmation Sunday



Eggstravaganza 2023 will take place on Sunday, April 2, immediately after worship. Join us for our annual Palm Sunday celebrations with food, fellowship, and an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids!

Candy donations needed!

We would welcome the donation of small candies and treats that can be used for the Eggstravaganza Easter Egg Hunt on April 2. A collection bin will be in Friendship Lounge beginning Sunday, March 12. We'd ask that all collections be brought in by Sunday, March 26.

WORSHIP MATTERS



Midweek Manna continues to meet each week – Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

If you would be interested in hosting the post-worship fellowship after one of our upcoming Midweek Manna services (bringing a few treats and beverages to share), please contact Sharon Hall at disneyfamily01@gmail.com. We have been blessed with rich fellowship after these weekly services and would love to expand the group of those helping to foster this new portion of our church life.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Confirmation:

- Our March confirmation session will take place on Thursday, March 16, from 6:30-8:30pm.
- Don't forget about the group trip to St. Monica's followed by a binder-check. Meet in the church parking lot at 9:40am on March 5. Lunch will be provided and pick up will be between 12:30 and 1pm. There are only a few months left – so make sure those checklists are getting completed!
- Remember to mark your calendars for these key dates coming up this spring:
 - Sunday, April 16 – Casserole making for St. Ben's
 - Tuesday, April 18 – Serve at St. Ben's
 - Sunday, May 21 – Completion date for all binder responsibilities
 - Sunday, May 21 – Confirmation cookout
 - Sunday, June 11 – Confirmation



Midweek Manna: Midweek Manna (Wednesdays at 6:30) continues each week. For families, please know we have some fun, accessible, children's bulletins and items to help children engage that are updated each week to work alongside the focus that evening. The setting is welcoming and casual, come see what you think!

Music & Movement and Godly Fun: Kids age 3, through grade 6, continue to meet each Sunday for songs, crafts, games and lessons in their newly remodeled classrooms. We start in worship at 10am and are usually dismissed to class around 10:15. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Rev. Hall or Kelsey Molinari.



KidsConnect: We are thrilled for the return of KidsConnect – an informal time of fun and fellowship for kids in grades 2-6. The first event will take place on Sunday, March 5, from 4-6pm. Join us for games, a scavenger hunt, pizza, and FUN!

Make a Difference! Don't forget to see the Beyond our Walls page with opportunities to serve the community. Both Soles for Jesus and Repairers of the Breach lunch making are easy for all ages to engage in together.



Parents, always check out the **Noah's Ark shelf**. There are books, bags of items, and children's bulletins available for children to take into worship with them. We are always happy for the sight and sound of children joining in.

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